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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of November 14, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires February 14, 2008, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendment to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 8.